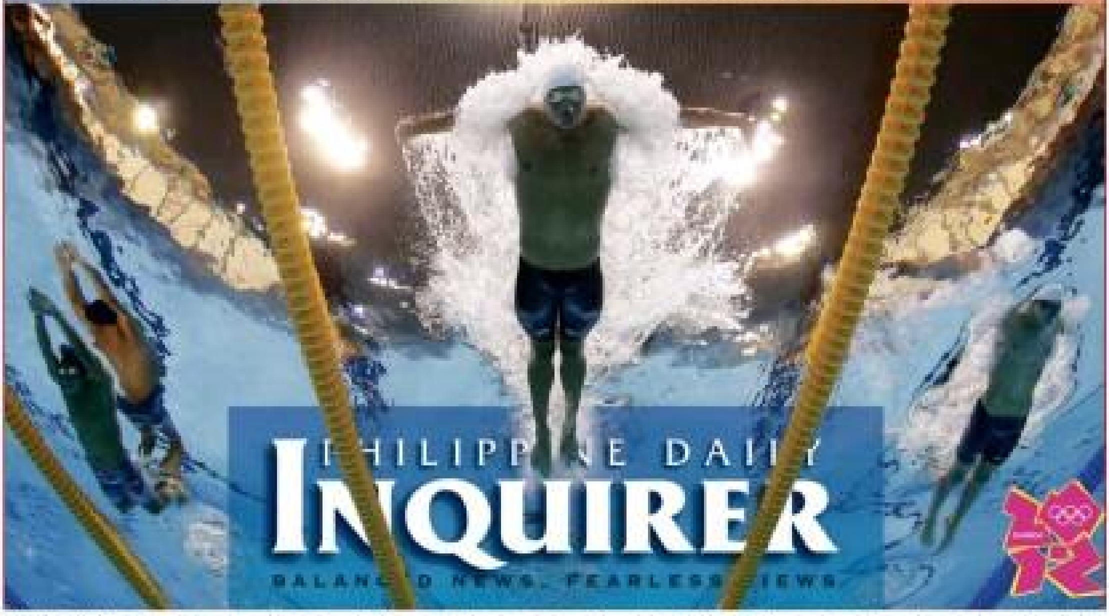
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CAREER TURN American Ryan Lochte swims to victory in the men's 400-meter individual medley at the Aquatics Center in London's Olympic Park, beating the world's most celebrated swimmer, Michael Phelps, by nearly four seconds. In a shocking defeat, Phelps failed to win any medal in the opening event of his fourth and final Summer Games. AP

De Lima tells JBC: Don't count me out

Complaints against her 'political'

By Jerome C. Aning

THE GHOST of ousted Chief Justice Renato Corona haunts the reputed front-runner for the vacant position.

Justice Secretary Leila de Lima has told the Judicial and Bar Council (JBC) it will be unfair to exclude her from the short list of three candidates for the next Chief Justice on the basis of a disbarment case against her.

In a seven-page letter to the JBC on Friday, De Lima sought to counter the position of Justice Diosdado Peralta, the JBC chair, that the Supreme Court's referral to the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) of one of

DE LIMA A20

Enrile: SC ruling on council flawed

By Cathy Yamsuan

SENATE President Juan Ponce Enrile yesterday dismissed suggestions that he was out to subvert the Supreme Court by declaring its ruling on the composition of the Judicial and Bar Council (JBC) flawed. The JBC

ENRILE A20

'Gener' spawns floods nationwide



WET FLOCK Despite the downpour, a man clutching an umbrella feeds his ducks near Laguna de Bay in Taguig City.

By the Inquirer Staff

RAINS dumped by Tropical Storm "Gener" (international name: Saola) across the country flooded communities, swelled rivers, triggered landslides, damaged crops and roads, and canceled domestic flights as it moved toward northern Luzon.

A man drowned in Antique on Saturday, while more than a thousand people were evacuated in Negros Occidental and Maguindanao due to flooding.

Rough seas in Cebu province have forced boats to cancel their trips over the past two days.

In Metro Manila, authorities advised local government units yesterday to evacuate residents near the Tullahan River because the water in La Mesa Dam was about to breach the spilling level. As more water from the dam drains into the river that

'GENER' A11

Phelps drowns behind Lochte, misses medal

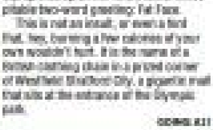
LONDON—At the end of the 400-meter individual medley on Saturday night, Michael Phelps, the world's most celebrated swimmer, hopped out of the pool before anyone else. It was his only first of the night.

After winning every Olympic event he entered in 2008 for a record eight gold medals, Phelps, a 16-time medalist, failed to win a medal of any kind in the opening event of his fourth and final Summer Games.

He finished fourth—and looked listless doing so. He never led in a race that his American rival, Ryan Lochte,

PHELPS A31

16-year-old shines as China wins 2 golds in swimming / A22 • More Olympic stories in Sports section / A29, A30, A31



Going to the Olympic Park? See mall first

LONDON—Most visitors arriving at the Olympic complex will find a rather inhospitable two-word greeting: Fat Face.

This is not an insult, or even a first. Yes, burning a few calories of your own wouldn't hurt. It is the name of a British clothing chain in a prized corner of Westfield Stratford City, a gigantic mall that sits at the entrance of the Olympic park.

GOING A11

Effective deterrent to Sino incursions

By Amando Doronila

ANALYSIS

SINCE the maritime standoff at Scarborough Shoal in April, when the Philippines accused Chinese fishermen of poaching in its exclusive economic zone, not a week has passed without an ever-expanding incursion by Chinese boats in disputed waters in the West Philippine Sea (South China Sea).

Oceangoing vessels passing through the strategic trade routes into East Asia are not surprised to encounter flotillas escorted by Chinese gunboats ruling the waves, as Beijing maintains

EFFECTIVE A20

PH attracts allies to protect biodiversity

By Jocelyn R. Uy

YEOSU, South Korea—For its powdery sand beaches, crystal clear waters and extensive marine biodiversity, the Philippines is not only attracting potential tourists here but also great allies in the protection and preservation of its abundant coastal and marine resources.

Joining more than 100 countries in showcasing their marine resources at the 2012 Yeosu Expo, the Philippines has set up a pavilion in this South Korean coastal province that takes thousands of visitors daily to a virtual scuba-diving expedition of its coherent shoreline and underwater opulence.

Lee Joon-bae, commissioner general of the international ex-

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PH to get 12 new patrol boats from Japan / A20

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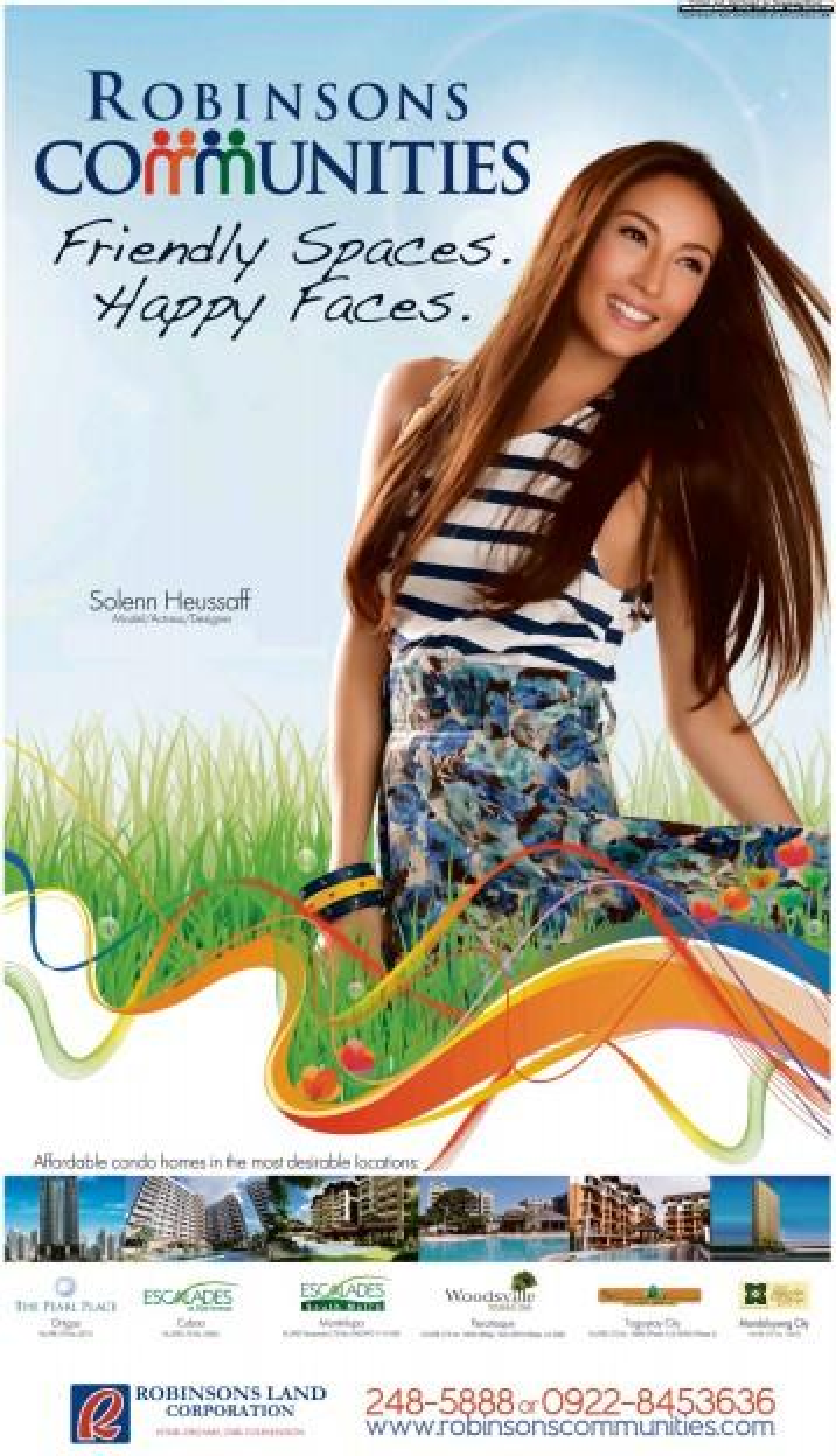
SC: Marcos kids must face wealth case

THE SUPREME Court has affirmed with finality its February ruling reinstating the children of the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos as defendants in the government's P200-billion ill-gotten wealth case against the Marcos family.

Compulsory heirs

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Better gear on tap for PH forces

ARMED Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Chief of Staff Gen. Jessie Dellosa said the military is planning to upgrade the military gear of Filipino soldiers participating in United Nations peacekeeping operations around the world.

Dellosa lauded the Filipino soldiers who are part of the UN peacekeeping mission in the Golan Heights, an area disputed by Israel and Syria, after he visited them earlier this month.

"I appreciate and laud the sacrifices of our contingents as we do our share in promoting peace and security wherever we can," Dellosa said in a statement.

Winning peace

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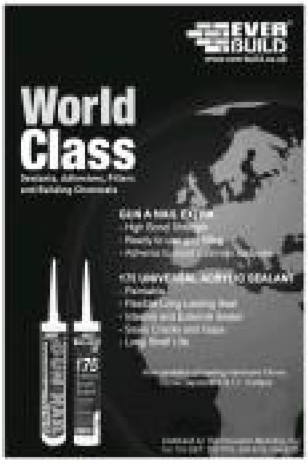
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By Carly Ferrer

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Most Senate reelectionists join LP slate

By Michael Lim Ubac

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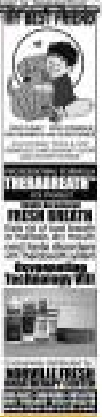


Gun deal most transparent so far, says PNP

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ABS-CBN stands by its man Noli against P-Noy's tirade

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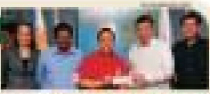
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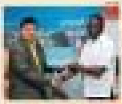


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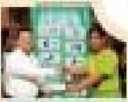
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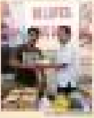














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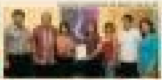
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To All Megaworld Alumni Scholars













Across the NATION

Moderate earthquake shakes Caraga, Davao regions

Abu Sayyaf 'founder' held in Tawi-Tawi

THE CRIMINAL Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) yesterday said joint police and military troops on Saturday arrested a supposed founding member of the Abu Sayyaf Group in Tawi-Tawi.



> "He was involved in the kidnapping of tourists and resort staff in Sipadan, Malaysia, and members of the religious group Jehovah's Witness in Jolo in 2000 and 2003"

Schoolroom burning

Fight over rights to Zambo mineral area steps up



Residents reject barangay split



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Demoralization hits army units

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900 displaced families in ARMM to get houses

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Going to the OlympicPark?

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Rain or Shine now just a victory away

By Musong R. Castillo

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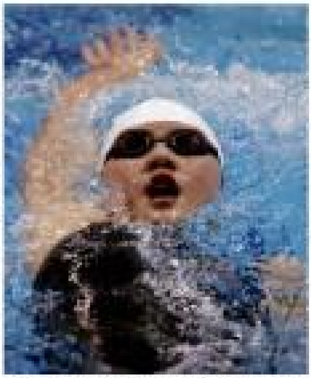
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16-year-old shines as China wins 2 golds in swimming

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RECORD SWIM China's Ye Shiwen [illegible]

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Race of her life

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Final flip turn

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Close to world record

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New York Times News Service

Phelps drowns behind Lochte, misses medal in medley

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'TIMELY ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY'

Manila eyes ban on plastic

By Miko Morelos and Jaymee T. Gamil

AFTER Muntinlupa, Las Piñas and Makati, Manila may be the next city in the metropolis to ban the use and sale of plastic bags and Styrofoam.

Pending corrections in published copies of the measure, the city council is expected to soon pass on third and final reading City Ordinance No. 7393 which prohibits the use of plastic bags for dry goods and regulates its use for wet goods.

It also bans containers made from polystyrene—more popularly known as Styrofoam—which are usually used for food and other products.

The measure which was authored by Councilors Jocelyn Dawis-Asuncion, Cristina Isip, Honey Lacuna-Pangan and Numero Lim, [illegible] business establishments in Manila.

"There is an urgent need to regulate the use of plastic bags and polystyrene packaging to prevent clogging the city's canals and polluting its creeks, rivers, lakes and other waterways," goes a provision in the proposed ordinance.

In particular, the council's committee on environmental protection, ecological preservation and sanitation also noted that nonbiodegradable waste has become an "obstacle in the proper growth of plant life… contaminated every source with the chemical components [needed] to manufacture them… polluted the atmosphere with deadly toxic fumes when burned…"

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Rape suspect faces more raps

By Jeannette I. Andrade

A MAN who faces three counts of rape found himself in deeper trouble after he was caught with illegal drugs and an unlicensed firearm in Quezon City on Saturday.

Orlando Homan, 40, a resident of Pook Dagohoy on the University of the Philippines Diliman campus, was arrested near his house by members of the UP Police who turned him over to the custody of the Quezon City Police District's Criminal Investigation and Detection Unit.

Case investigator PO3 Leoncio Tigno said that UP policemen were serving an arrest warrant on Homan when he yielded two sachets of marijuana and what was believed to be "shabu" or methamphetamine hydrochloride.

On top of the drugs, lawmen also found in his possession a homemade cal. .22 firearm and ammunition.

Earlier, the Quezon City Regional Trial Court Branch 86 issued a warrant for the suspect's arrest on three counts of rape.

The judge set the bail for each count at P200,000.

In the meantime, the suspect remains in the custody of the police pending the filing of charges of illegal possession of firearms and ammunition as well as for violation of Republic Act No. 9165 or the Dangerous Drugs Act in the city prosecutor's office.

It's more fun in Makati for retirees

By Jaymee T. Gamil

MetroBriefs

MMDA launches cell phone film fest contest

Marikina tightens standards for birthing clinics

Manila to ban plastics

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Hyundai recalling 200,000 Santa Fe SUVs

Rwanda demands respect from West after aid cuts

Cuba: Driver error to blame for dissident's death

Data of 8.7M phone subscribers hacked in S. Korea

Ebola outbreak kills 14 in Uganda

India officials accused of ignoring warning signs of violence



The WORLD

Rebels in Aleppo survive regime assault

BEIRUT—The Syrian government launched an offensive Saturday to retake rebel-held neighborhoods in the nation's commercial hub of Aleppo, unleashing artillery, tanks and helicopter gunships against poorly armed opposition fighters.



Nuns weigh response to Vatican rebuke

China dumps water project after protests

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Lifter Diaz, shooter Rosario get going today

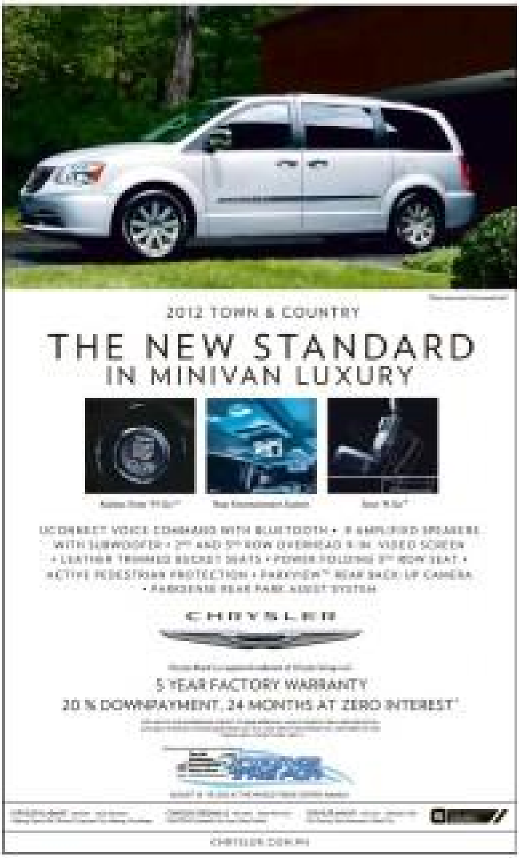



BRIAN Rosario (left) and Hidilyn Diaz are both capable of surprising the world's best, according to Philippine officials.

By Ted S. Melendres
Sports Editor

Swimmer Lacuna bombs out in men's 200 freestyle

By Ted S. Melendres



Olympic Park: From urban eyesore to virtual fortress



Banayag, Agravante rule Milo Marathon



So wins anew in Quebec

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Crazy Fridays at SM ice skating

Tams ambush Warriors; Falcons down Maroons

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RR Garcia of FEU drives past John Sumido of UE.

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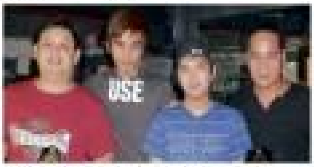
By Francis T.J. Ochoa

That's why it's a rivalry

One Game at a Time

Ser Sarmenta





FROM right, Hermes ProAm champions Jojo Santos and Renemar David with runners-up Jordan Lagaspi and Richard Lee.

David-Santos tops Hermes tilt

Naascu opens 12th season minus UM

By Marc Anthony Reyes

SPORTS

Journalists outnumber athletes



US, Russia ladies take cage openers

Federer survives Colombian; Serena thru



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Groups OK with tariff rates on hydro, wind

FIRST Gen Corp. of the Lopez family and Trans-Asia Oil and Energy Development Corp. of the Phinma group are pushing through with their renewable energy projects worth P37 billion following the issuance of the feed-in-tariff (FIT) rates last week.

Chevron to expand PH network

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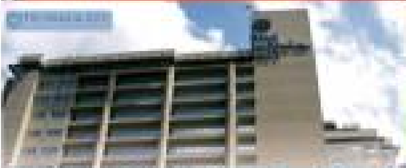
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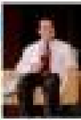


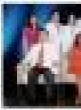
The Medical City Introduces Breakthrough Molecular Medicine

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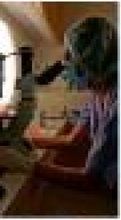


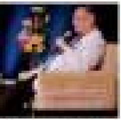


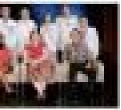




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The Mindanao State University Board of Regents announces its Search for Chancellors in the following campuses: General Santos City, MSU Naawan, Misamis Oriental, and MSU Buug, Zamboanga Sibugay.

A. Minimum qualifications for the position:

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B. Application papers and other requirements to be submitted:

1.) The complete set of documents shall include the following:

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C. Timetable for the Search Process:

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The Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) is inviting interested Proponents to submit proposals for the privatization and development of the following properties:

Property	Location	Area	Fee for TOR	Minimum Bid Price	Schedule of Pre-bid Conference
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Interested Proponents may purchase the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the privatization and development of these Properties which outline, among others, the requirements, procedures, methodology and criteria for evaluation and selection of proposals.

The TOR shall be made available to interested Proponents from July 17 to 31, 2012 at a non-refundable cost as specified above, payable to BCDA in cash, manager's check or cashier's check.

A Pre-bid Conference, for each of the Property, among Interested Proponents shall be held at 10:00 a.m. on the dates indicated above at the BCDA Operations Conference Room, BCDA Corporate Center, 2nd floor Bonifacio Technology Center, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City. The objective of the Pre-bid Conference is to discuss the property, the TOR and other issues that may be raised by Interested Proponents.

Interested Proponents may direct their queries to:

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Or contact Ms. [illegible] at telephone numbers [illegible].

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

Procurement of Integrated Flood Early Warning and Monitoring System for Pasig, Laguna Lake and Allied Rivers

The Procurement and Administrative Services Team of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) invites both local and international companies to apply for eligibility and to bid for the supply of various early warning and monitoring systems for the project "Building Community Resilience and Strengthening Local Government Capacities for Recovery and Disaster Risk Management (RESILIENCE Project)".

The project aims to strengthen the capacity of the National Government and the local government units (LGUs) together with partner stakeholders, to build the disaster resilience of communities, and institutionalize arrangements and measures for reducing disaster risks, including projected climate risks, and enhancing disaster preparedness and response capabilities at all levels.

The project will assist LGUs and local rescue teams by providing preparedness and disaster response equipment, emergency response equipment, protective equipment, search equipment that are tailored to the needs of the communities.

For interested parties, Bid Documents (Eligibility Requirements, Instructions to Bidders and Terms of Reference) may be secured upon payment of a non-refundable amount of [illegible] for the entire set of documents from the following address:

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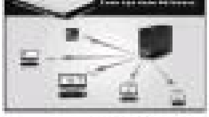
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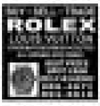
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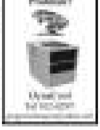
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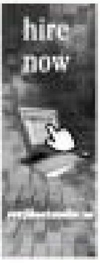




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Banks' bad loans continue to decline

PH financial system strong, says BSP

By Michelle V. Remo

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Confidence boosts bank resources

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BUSINESS



DupOnt eyes big share of solar market in PH

US firm sees great growth potential in Philippines



Security Bank grew loans by 29% in first 6 months

Exec sees 'good' results for second quarter

Waterfront group eyes purchase of Manila hotel

Firm in talks to buy 500-room property with casino

By Doris C. Dumlao

CEBU CITY—Hotel operator Waterfront Philippines Inc. (WPI) is in talks to buy a 500-room five-star hotel in the Manila area, an acquisition that can scale up its hotel portfolio by about 35 percent.

Nestle Cutchelian, WPI assistant to the president, told reporters at a cocktail party at the Waterfront Cebu City that the group was working on the purchase of the hotel property, which also has a casino as an anchor tenant like most other hotel properties operated by the group.

Cutchelian declined to identify the prospective acquisition, saying this would be disclosed to the Philippine Stock Exchange once finalized.

If and when such a deal is closed, this will be the group's third hotel property in the Manila area. "It's still the courtship stage," Cutchelian said, noting that the city would likely attract more tourists specially when private licensees start operations at the Pagcor-initiated Entertainment City complex.

The two other hotel properties operated by the group in Manila area are the 585-room Manila Pavilion, a deluxe boutique hotel with a four-star rating, and D Hotel, also a boutique hotel along Roxas Boulevard.

In Cebu, the group has two hotels—the 561-room Waterfront Cebu City Hotel and Casino and the 164-room Waterfront property near the airport. It also has a 155-room hotel in Davao, the Waterfront Insular Hotel.

WPI has a total of 1,440 hotel rooms to sell across the country, making it one of the biggest hotel operators in the Philippines.

Competition in the hotel business is very challenging these days, according to WPI group sales manager Myla Mohammad, who noted though that the group was faring well compared with the industry average.

"We feel that competition is very tough because of new hotels cropping up and there's more supply than demand," Mohammad said. "But in terms of market share, we're still getting our fair market share."

Among the challenges to the hotel industry, she said, was the continuing travel ban in China, which has halted business from China. Before the travel ban to the Philippines, about 25 percent of their wholesale business was coming from China, Mohammad said.

With the group's growing hotel portfolio, Mohammad said part of the strategy was "reinventing and trying to position each property to prevent eating up market share." For instance, he said Waterfront Cebu City hotel was positioned as a convention hotel.

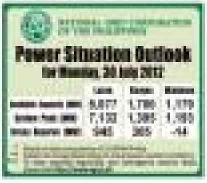
Waterfront completed last May the renovation of its grand lobby. Apart from improvements to the general structure of the lobby, the Lobby Lounge itself now offers an all new dining and lounging experience, with newly installed glass panels, semi enclosing each side of the lounge. Fully equipped bar areas have also been installed in the middle of each of the two sections of the lounge, ensuring direct [illegible] service.

To enhance overall guest experience, the hotel offers nightly entertainment from the city's top performers, [illegible] afternoon [illegible] by [illegible], a selection of afternoon tea packages and gourmet desserts.

BUSINESS



UBP income surged by 42% in H1



Aboitiz-led bank's net profit hit P4.07B

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Greenpeace, WWF cheer FIT rates

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Business

First A380 repair completed in Manila

Lufthansa Technik Philippines reconfigures Qantas jet's cabin

BUSINESS Monday



DHL's North Asia Express hub in Shanghai, China.

DHL looks to China, Asia-Pacific for growth



DHL Express plans to expand sales coverage and improve services in Northern Luzon and Cebu.

By Robert Gonzaga
Inquirer Central Luzon

SHANGHAI—International postal and logistics leader Deutsche Post DHL is banking on developing economies in the Asia-Pacific region—with its multihub strategy centered on China—to fuel the growth of its three business divisions: DHL Express, DHL Supply Chain and DHL Global Forwarding.

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Dying young (VAT on Medicines)



MAPping THE FUTURE
Anthony Alden Sy Aguilar

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PPP in agriculture

By Ernesto M. Ordoñez

COMMENTARY

Private sector

PPP in Action

Pepsi Phils H1 profit soars by 436%

By Doris C. Dumlao

BUSINESS

PH preparing for free trade talks with EU

Study to determine impact of FTA on local industries



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PLDT group spices up mobile postpaid offers

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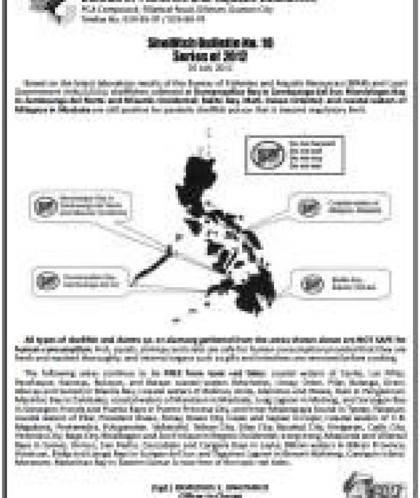
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LIFESTYLE Arts&Books

Serious doubts cast on newly emerged cache of HR Ocampo paintings


"PASCAW"

Gig de Pio, who had worked with the late National Artist, said he had been consulted by the dealer to whom he categorically said: 'These are fakes'





Serious doubts cast on newly emerged cache of HR Ocampo paintings



Karen Flores, HR Ocampo's grandniece and former director of CCP Visual Arts, told the dealer: 'In truth, I am not confident of these works'





"CIRCA" and, at right, "Mother and Child"

An HR Ocampo one-man show!

Prolific in death

Breaking the silence

Method of working

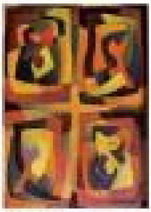
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'Caveat emptor'

The two Mr. Ocampos

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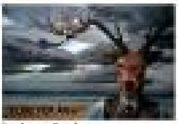


National Museum verdict





'Unseen' at Anna



Jaylo at Ayala

VISUAL ARTS

Art book to be launched



Sansó brings Modernism to a higher level with 'Breton Houses' at Rockwell Power Plant

THE CURRENT oeuvre of renowned painter and Modernist icon Juvenal Sansó can be seen as a new high point in the artist's events-filled life.

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From imagination

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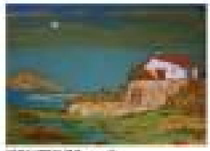


"AT JOURNEY'S End"

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"WITH EXUBERANCE and Passion (A Mid-Afternoon Daydream)"



"BEAUTEOUS Passage"

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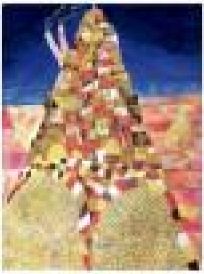
Stellar career

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"Breton Houses" is presented by Galerie Joaquin. [illegible]



Ed Coronel presents artistic 'Puntos de Vista' at Gallery Nine



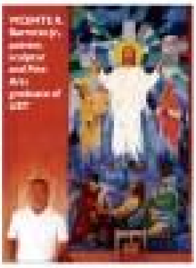




Visual Arts

'Transportable' at Mo Space

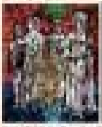
Uy at Quattrocento



'Idyll' at Transfiguration Monastery in Bukidnon



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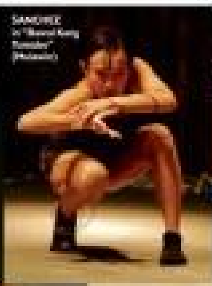
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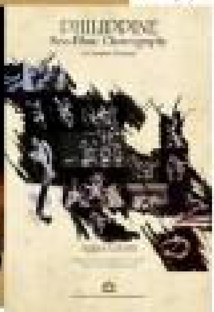


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Survival

Definitive book





Kaloob mounts dance concert at Folk Arts Theater



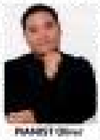




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Velasco, Arrieta, Cruz

Nike unveils new UAAP apparel collection



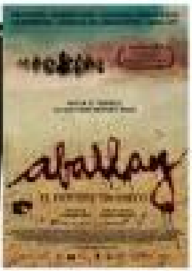


"FLAMENCO! Cuerdas de Fuego," is directed and choreographed by Gina Jane Grey and Antonio Vargas.

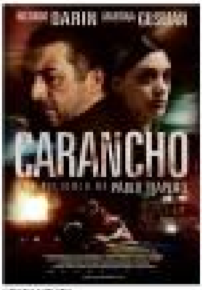
Filfest holds international flamenco concert at Insular Life in Alabang

Contemporary Argentine films to be shown at Instituto Cervantes

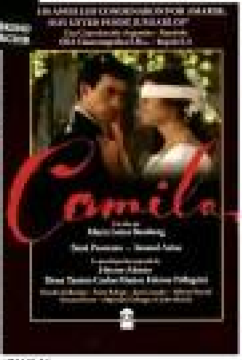




FERNANDO Spiner's "Aballay" (left), Hector Olivera's "El Mural"



"CARANCHO"



"CAMILA"

Pros and cons of musical competitions

LIFESTYLE Arts&Books



Move over, 'Twilight': Best-selling author of teen novels makes surprise visit to Manila

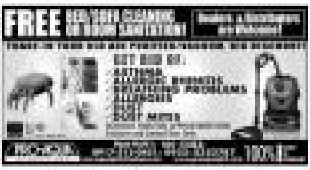
By Alyssha J. Robillos

Blood negative

By Ruel S. De Vera

After a terrifying and intoxicating first two volumes, Guillermo del Toro and Chuck Hogan's vampire epic 'The Strain Trilogy' comes up frenetic and diluted at the end

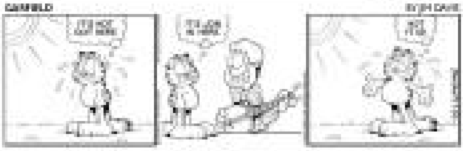






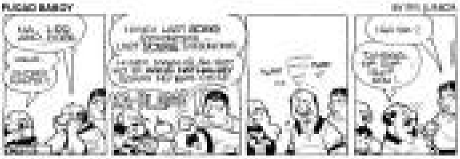


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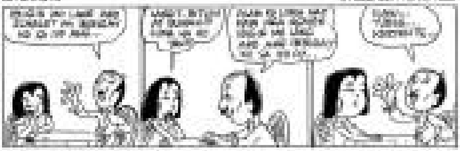


PUGAD BABOY — By Pol Medina Jr.



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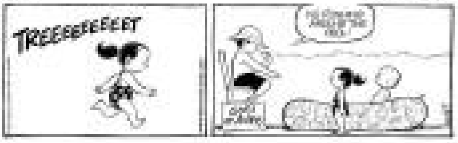


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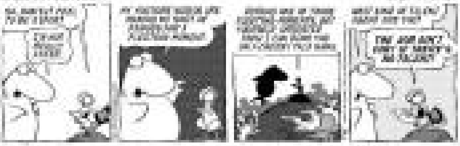
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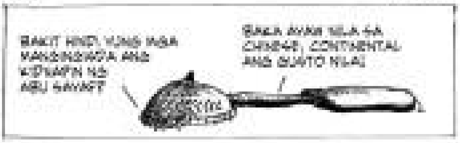


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DUSTIN — By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker





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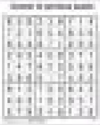
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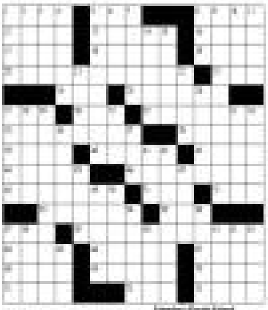
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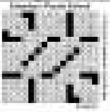


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"THREE Times"


"A TIME to Live, a Time to Die"

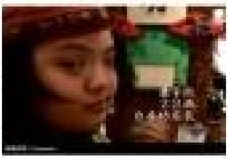

"DUST in the Wind"

Taiwan film fest pays tribute to director Hou Hsiao-Hsien


"STARS"


"THE MAN Who Plants Trees"


"THE BOYS of Fengkuei"



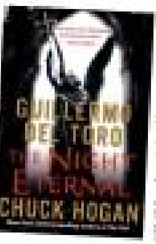

"GRANDPA'S Hairpin"

Move over, 'Twilight' . . .


ALYSON Noël


XANDRA Ramos-Padilla and Alyson Noël

Blood negative



Art, astrology and crystology at Fully Booked

International scholars grace UST national arts-criticism workshop

By Alyssha J. Robillos
Contributor

ON THEIR bus ride from Baguio City down to Manila, participants of a recently concluded arts-criticism workshop watched Mel Brooks' "History of the World" and laughed at the movie's own version of the critic's origins.

The scene involves a prehistoric caveman-artist at work who presents his masterpiece, a cave painting of a bison, to eager onlookers. Seconds later, another caveman walks in, inspects the work with an inquisitive stare, stands atop a nearby rock, like the Neanderthal [illegible], and does to the painting what he thinks it deserves—he pisses on it. Thus, the critic is born.

As multifaceted and sophisticated as the National Artist who inspired the annual affair, the fourth annual University of Santo Tomas (UST) J. Elizalde Navarro (JEN) National Workshop on Arts Criticism sought to represent all art forms while fostering appreciation of them through critical discernment.

The workshop was held May 27-June 2 at the Golden Pine Hotel in Baguio City.

The workshop had was carried out by 12 panelists and 12 fellows. It was graced not only by scholars and professionals of the country's arts and literary scene, but also by relatives of Navarro himself.

Among the lecturers were Robert Diaz Jr. of Wilfrid Laurier University (WLU) of Canada, Rebecca Alcomendras of Miriam College and UST Graduate School, Lila Shahani of the Asian Institute of Management, and Allan Isaac of Rutgers University in the United States.



ALLAN Isaac



UNIVERSITY of Santo Tomas J. Elizalde Navarro National Workshop on Arts Criticism fellows and panelists, including scholars Oscar Campomanes, Priscelina Legasto, Lila Shahani, and Rebecca Alcomendras



ROBERT Diaz

Diaz has been awarded the Andrew Mellon Fellowship by the University of California, Los Angeles, twice and is a professor in WLU's Women and Gender Studies Program. He shared his insights on film and the notion of queer nationality.

Meanwhile, award-winning poetess and Miriam English Department head Alcomendras gave a lecture titled "Ang Paghahasa [illegible] Pakikipag-usap," which tackled dialogical methods in the communication process.

Shahani, who teaches Development Communications at the Asian Institute of Management and is a doctoral candidate at the Oxford University, also tackled the failures in communication. She drew from her experience as assistant secretary for communications at the Department of Social Welfare and Development and as head of the government's Human Development and Poverty Reduction Cluster.

Isaac, the director of the Department of American Studies at Rutgers, gave a lecture titled "Contracting the Senses: The Refusal to Wallow and Other Emotional Investments," which discussed how overseas Filipinos are able to overcome the limits of their situation in space and time, and how this could be learned from the hit queer musical "Care Divas."

For the fourth year, the regular panelists of the criticism workshop were respected scholars Priscelina Legasto and Oscar Campomanes. Legasto is coordinator of the University of the Philippines' (UP) Comparative Literature program and editor of the Diliman Review. Campomanes is professor of the Ateneo de Manila University and is a lecturer at the UST Graduate School.

Other members of this year's panel were UST professors Ralph Galan, Ferdinand Lopez, Antonio Sala, and Inquirer Arts and Books section editor Lito Zulueta; Delia Rebillas of Ateneo Manila and Center for Art, New Ventures and Sustainable Development; and Ateneo de Manila professor Gary Devilles, who has just left the country to pursue his doctorate degree in Melbourne, Australia.

The fourth batch of JEN fellows were John Andrew del Prado, Renato Lucas, and Adrian Romero of UST; Hammed Bolotaolo and Dey Itemalba of UP-Diliman; Oz Nampan Velasco of UP-Los Baños; Miguel Lacida and Louie Jon Sanchez of Ateneo; Juan Harold Nieves and Kyle [illegible] of University of San Carlos in Cebu; [illegible] of Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology; and Bennie Elizalde of Mapua Institute of Technology.

The last fellow is the grand nephew of the late National Artist J. Elizalde Navarro.

Papers

Papers under the literary arts were [illegible].

Under the musical arts was "The Spirit of [illegible]" [illegible], while papers under theater arts and visual arts were "Stalk: A Reflection of Hybrid Culture" by [illegible] and "My Grandfather's Legacy" by Elizalde, respectively.

The UST JEN National Workshop on Arts Criticism is organized and sponsored by the Varsitarian, the 84-year-old official student organ of UST. It is held in honor of the artist and critic J. Elizalde Navarro, who was an editor and artist-poet of the Varsitarian during his student days, and in connection with the Quadricentennial celebration of UST, which was established in 1611. This year's workshop was co-sponsored by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts.



LISA Macuja with pianist Gabriel Pagulayan, and violinists Jalen Ollos and Jimmy Tagab Jr., First-Prize winners at the National Music Competitions for Young Artists; Macuja and art critic Cid Reyes

'Art 2 Art' bares August episodes

DZRH RADIO cultural program, "Art 2 Art," hosted by ballerina Lisa Macuja-Elizalde, has announced its guests for August.

Produced by the Manila Broadcasting Company, "Art 2 Art" is aired nationwide every Sunday, 3:30-4 p.m., on DZRH (666 kHz on the AM band), and can be viewed simultaneously via RHTV on cable TV and on the Internet through DZRH Live Streaming.

To kick off "Buwan ng Wika," "Art 2 Art" features prize-winning poet, essayist and UP literature professor [illegible] Jr. in its Aug. 5 episode, to talk about language as well as his own career as a writer in Filipino.

On Aug. 12, sopranos Pinky Marquez and [illegible] talk about their unlikely route to a theater profession, a departure from their college degrees (Marquez in nutrition; [illegible] in finance).

On Aug. 19, London-based musical theater actress Cat Campos-Bonner talks about her experiences onstage, including starring as Kim in "Miss Saigon," and now being part of the hit West End musical along with [illegible] Macuja-Elizalde.

Finally, on Aug. 26, the program pays tribute to art icon Anita Magsaysay-Ho, with art critic Cid Reyes as resource person, who discusses the late painter's artistic style, the record-breaking auction of one of her works, and her contributions to Philippine art.

E-mail art2artdzrh@yahoo.com.ph; check out the Ballerina ng Bayan account on Facebook.

ENTERTAINMENT

Editor: Emmie G. Velarde

Miracle times two

TWO "RESTORED" Filipino film classics by National Artists Manuel Conde and Ishmael Bernal will be screened in this year's Venice fest, programmer Paolo Bertolin told the Inquirer. Apart from "Genghis Khan" by Conde and Lou Salvador, the "restored, High-Definition" version of Bernal's "Himala" will have its world premiere in Venice. The restoration of "Himala" was a collaboration between the ABS-CBN Archives and Central Digital Lab. With Brillante Mendoza's "Thy Womb" in Main Competition, Nora Aunor will uphold two films in Venice this year. —*Bayani San Diego Jr.*

DID YOU KNOW...





MENDOZA at work with his star, Nora Aunor, in Tawi-Tawi.

Peta mounts stage version of Lino Brocka's 'Bona'

"BONA" returns this August when the Philippine Educational Theater Association (Peta) opens its 45th theater season with the stage version of a Filipino film classic.

Directed by Lino Brocka, National Artist for Film and one of Peta's founding members, the film "Bona" (released 1980) is about a schoolgirl (played by Nora Aunor) who becomes a die-hard fan of Gardo, a wannabe actor (Phillip Salvador).

Aunor's portrayal won for her the Best Actress trophy in the 1980 Gawad Urian. *Written by* [illegible]





Brillante headed back to Venice fest

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

"THY WOMB," Filipino filmmaker Brillante Mendoza's new film, about seafaring Badjaos, is headed to Venice... though not literally sailing on a vinta.

It will compete in the main section of the 69th Venice International Film Festival, to be held from Aug. 29 to Sept. 8.

Mendoza is vying for the top prize against Olivier Assayas of France, and Terrence Malick and Brian de Palma of the United States.

("Genghis Khan," a film by Manuel Conde and Lou Salvador, will be presented in a special retrospective section featuring past Venice entries.)

Mendoza told the Inquirer that he's happy about returning to Venice.

Mindanao psyg

"But it's not just about going back to Italy," he said. "I'm more excited about sharing the story of Badjaos with the whole world. I will get the chance to present a different face of Mindanao."

Early this year, Mendoza competed in Berlin with another film set in Mindanao—"Captive," about the 2001 kidnapping of foreigners and Filipinos by the Abu Sayyaf.

"In 'Captive,' I tackled violence in Mindanao. In 'Thy Womb,' I focused on a peace-loving people who live in Tawi-Tawi, a group of islands in the far south," he said.

Multifaceted

The Badjaos' story proves just how multi-faceted our country is, he pointed out.

"I am not denying that there is conflict and poverty in our country, but there are untold stories in our midst," he pointed out. "Mindanao has many sides."

"Captive" features French film icon Isabelle Huppert as a kidnap victim; "Thy Womb" top bills Filipino superstar Nora Aunor as a Badjao midwife.

"I never knew there was such a story in our country," he said. "The Badjaos are a gentle, passive people, not aggressive or quarrelsome, and very much capable of unconditional love."

More sober

Mendoza observed that while his more controversial and "graphic" movies land in Cannes and Berlin, his more sober and serene films are chosen by Venice. In 2009, Mendoza's "Lola," starring acting legend Anita Linda, was shown as a surprise entry in Venice.

"Notice that 'Lola' revolves around the unconditional love of two grandmothers for their grandsons—one a murder victim, the other a criminal."

At the time of this interview, Mendoza was putting the finishing touches on "Thy Womb."

"I earlier sent a rough cut. We are now doing the final edit and scoring to meet the deadline," he related.

Before she left for the Grand Marian, Aunor told the Inquirer that she was looking forward to the film's premiere in Venice.

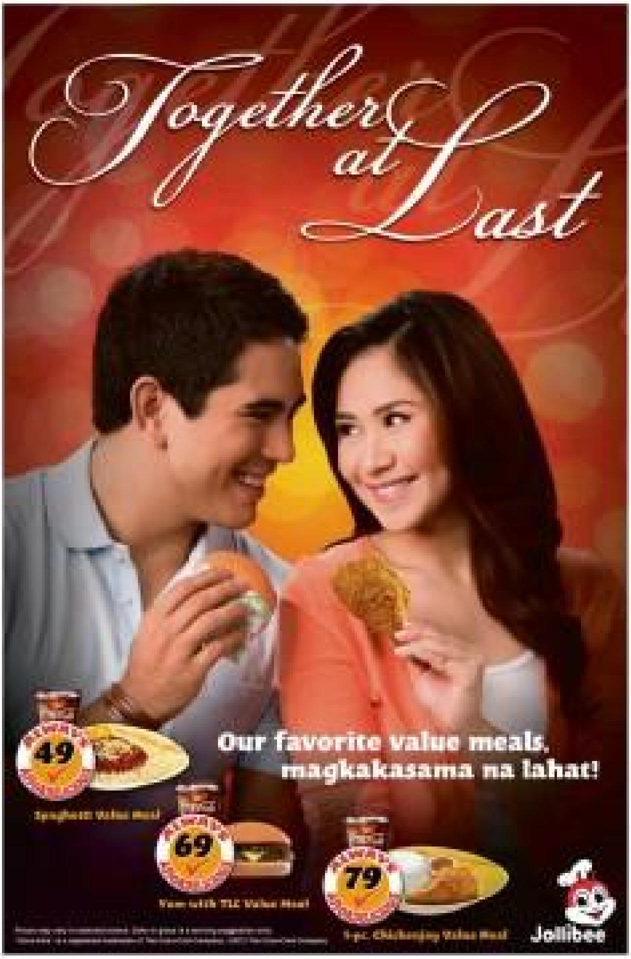
MMFF snub

She said in Filipino: "I hope that more of our movies will be shown abroad as they are now, common what we started in the past, with our films 'Bona,' 'Himala' and 'The Flor Contemplacion Story.' Hopefully this will inspire other local producers to invest in more high-quality, socially relevant films."

"Thy Womb" Venice invite somehow lessens the sting of its nonindusion in this year's Metro Manila Film Festival.

"Okay lang 'yon," said Mendoza. "I am sure the MMFF committee has its reasons for not picking my movie."

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Critics of violent mov

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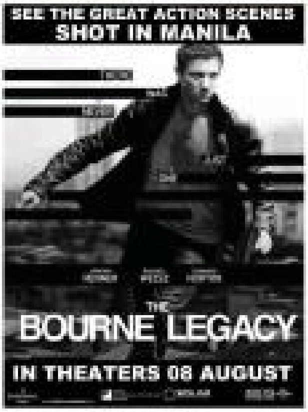
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Groundbreaking 3D films to watch



'Life of Pi'

'Brave'



Hello, young lovers on AI tour





Entertainment

Indie films we'd like to see in regular theaters

By Marinel R. Cruz and Bayani San Diego Jr.

THE JUST-concluded 8th Cinemalaya Independent Film Festival yielded several gems (as usual) that we'd like very much to see in commercial cinemas.

A number of the 2012 entries will be screened at the University of the Philippines Film Institute from Aug. 1-8.

Still, we'd like to remind cinema owners nationwide. Remember last year's breakaway successes, "Zombadings: Patayin sa Shokot si Remington" and "Ang Babae sa Septic Tank"?

Here are some of our candidates for regular cinema screenings from this year's list.



EDDIE Garcia (right) and Rez Cortez in "Bwakaw"

'Mga Dayo' (Resident Aliens)

His expired green card gave Guam-based Filipino filmmaker Julius Sotomayor Cena the idea for his debut full-length feature, "Mga Dayo" (Resident Aliens).

"It had the words 'Resident alien' in bold letters. It became a realization from the mundane," Cena said. "It's an important document that's generally overlooked, but it defines my immigrant identity."

He related: "Only after I had lived in Guam for almost 20 years did I realize that I would always be an alien. The ID is a physical manifestation of my 'not belonging' naturally—of being an 'outsider.' On a political level, it's a label of citizenship."

The film was an entry in the festival's New Breed category. It revolves around three women dealing with migration issues.

"I hope it gives a voice to many Filipino immigrants who sometimes become invisible in a foreign society," said Cena.

"Mga Dayo," set in Guam on Thanksgiving Day, is about Alex (played by Sue Prado), a newspaper photographer; Miriam (Janela Cosme), a journalist; and Ella (Olga Natividad), a hotel housekeeper.



SUE PRADO in "Dayo"

'Posas' (Shackled)

This thriller in the Directors' Showcase category tackles crime and police brutality.

"This is a toned-down version of what actually happens on the streets. There's a need for people to know this," filmmaker Lawrence Fajardo said.

"Posas" follows Jess, a petty snatcher in the Quiapo Church area, who is arrested. He is terrorized and tortured until his testimony [illegible]. In the end, the charge against him is dropped, but it's clear that his life of crime is far from over.

Producer Joseberh Alonzo of Quantum Films said she made the film to help effect change. "I've been a lawyer for 25 years. I've seen everything," she said.

As Jess, Alonzo's own son Nico Antonio was tortured for the scene "for real." He volunteered, she said.

Bangs Garcia, who plays the snatcher's [illegible], said she learned a lot while doing the movie, specifically, "how crime investigation is handled. I hope that, instead of taking offense, the police force would do something to remedy this problem."

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DOMINIC Roco and [illegible] in "Ang Nawawala"



LJ REYES in "Intoy Syokoy sa Kalye Marino"

Indie films we'd like . . .

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Loco over Coco



COCO Martin

DOLLY WOOD

Dolly Anne Carvajal



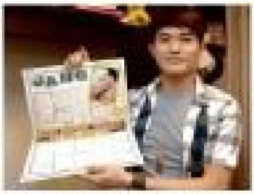
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'Machete' is Lady Gaga's film debut



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Happy birthdays!





Inside the Martian Hub

Members of the boy band Down to Mars already know what clothes each member likes











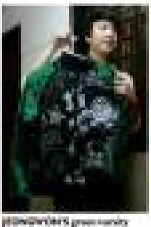












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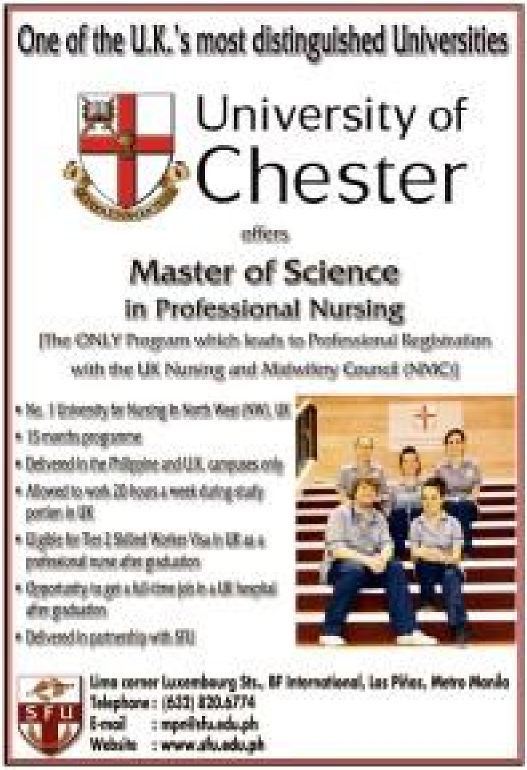
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He values integrity, competence and passion



THERE is something in everyone that drives them to succeed despite the odds. Our dream interviewee was propelled by his ambition and nationalism to improve his country's economy.





Playgrounds for the MIND

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Letran grants full scholarship to Palawan native

Another Southville alumna crowned Miss Philippines World

PMA entrance examination slated in Mindanao

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Letran pep rally boosts 'arriba' spirit

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Are you addicted?



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Better English, Better Future program launched



New book on alternative dispute resolution out



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CHS is keeping up *with the times*

BEFORE the College of the Holy Spirit in Manila (CHSM) turns 100 years old in 2013, its officials are working to change the image of the school from "conservative and low-key to creative and service-oriented."

A global art project: What makes the world smile?

Draw Happy



Jessica L. Cardenas

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Business Updates

A SPECIAL BANKING SUPPLEMENT

EastWest launches all-in-one cash rebate credit card

EastWest launched the EastWest EveryDay MasterCard, the only cash rebate card in the market that offers cardholders up to 5% cash rebates for purchases on three essential categories-supermarket, gas and drugstore.

The new EastWest EveryDay MasterCard offers the advantage of having one cash rebate card with the benefits of several cards. Unlike other rebate cards, this card is not limited to a specific partner merchant. It earns cash rebate on local and international purchases at any supermarket, any gas station and any drugstore.

Owning several credit cards will result to paying more annual fees, managing several statements of account and remembering various due dates. With the EastWest EveryDay MasterCard, a cardholder needs to maintain only one card, remember only one due date and manage only one statement of account.

Designed to carry a 3-tier rebate scheme, the EastWest EveryDay MasterCard allows a cardholder to earn higher cash rebates depending on their spending. A simple condition to go up each rebate tier would be to spend on non-essential purchases - non-supermarket, non-gas and non-drugstore.

To earn the highest possible rebate of 5%, a cardholder has to use the EastWest EveryDay MasterCard for at least P10,000 on non-essential purchases. Or cardholders can earn either 3% or 0.5% cash rebates on essential purchases if they spend on non-essential purchases of P5,000 to below P10,000, or below P5,000, respectively.

EastWest Executive Vice President and Head of Consumer Lending Cluster Jackie S. Fernandez said, "We want to serve cardholders who are value-seekers and are frequent users of credit cards for their everyday essential purchases. The EastWest EveryDay MasterCard, as the name implies, is designed to be a helpful part of the cardholders' basic lifestyle, converting their daily spending into smart spending with the credit card's cash rebate feature."

Getting the cash rebate is also hassle free as cardholders do not need to redeem the rebates. Cash rebates earned will be automatically credited to the cardholder's EastWest EveryDay MasterCard account upon accumulating P300 worth of cash rebates.

Aside from the cash rebate feature of the card, EastWest EveryDay MasterCard also offers bundled services and exclusive perks and privileges for all its cardholders to enjoy! Go on a worry-free shopping with 0% interest on installment. Take advantage of other installment facilities of the card such as Balance Transfer, Insta-Cash and Convert-to-Installment. Enjoy hassle-free payment of monthly bills with EastWest Credit Cards' Quick Bills Facility. These spending privileges can also be shared with loved-ones by giving them supplementary EastWest EveryDay MasterCard.

EastWest President and Chief Executive Officer Antonio C. Moncupa said the new card features and perks are in line with the bank's commitment to its clients to give world-class service, as expressed in its new corporate tagline, Your Dream Our Focus.

So hurry and apply for the new EastWest EveryDay MasterCard now to start your way to smart spending with its cash rebate feature and other privileges. For more details, visit www.eastwestbanker.com or you may also call EastWest 24-Hour Customer Service Hotline at 888-1700.

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A load of new business ideas to get ahead

FOR BUSINESSES to stand out or run at full potential, business owners, executives and managers usually turn to new technologies or business solutions. These are expected to provide efficiency and reliability, and consequently lead to better profits. Question now is: Are business owners, executives and managers presented with the latest technologies or solutions in the market so that they are able to make the right choice?

'In these fast-paced times, technology dictates whether companies stay relevant or get left behind by their competitors. It's all about getting that extra edge.'—Patrick Lawrence, Global-Link Exhibitions Specialist Inc. CEO



BAYAN executive management committee

A SUCCESSFUL TEAM IS A GROUP OF MANY HANDS BUT OF ONE MIND

Bayan employees demonstrate commitment towards a common objective



Citibank Savings wins regional nod at the Trailblazer Awards 2012

Two-hour loan release earns accolade





PLDT TOPS FINANCEASIA AWARDS FOR BEST INVESTOR RELATIONS, STRONG DIVIDEND POLICY

Diving, drifting and more extreme sports coming up

Red Bull is also looking at collaborating with local athletes to promote its brand

Accessible financing seen to boost franchising sector





UP and Ateneo finalists are winners of an international business case competition

CWHome Depot offers Exclusive Double Zero Interest Payment

Union Bank ties up with CW Home Depot to offer its own Visa Credit Card

Contractors, architects and home improvement enthusiasts can now avail of the new CW Home Depot Visa Credit Card. This will be in partnership with UnionBank, giving CW Home Depot Visa cardholders year-round 0% interest up to 12 months installment. That's not all, every cardholder will only start to pay for their first monthly amortization 3 months after! Yes, each cardholder has a choice from 3 to 12 months zero percent interest on the purchases and zero payment on the first 3 months - a double zero treat! This innovative scheme will be the first of its kind for a credit card in the country.



On specified promo periods, the three months Shop Now Pay Later deal will also be offered on straight charge transactions. This payment scheme will definitely provide a stretch and flexibility to homeowners, contractors and architects.

Aside from this, other card features include - regular zero interest between 3 to 6 months (for Home Builder's Superstore items like paint, hardware, bathroom fixtures) and as much as 24 months for Home Interior Superstore items (like furniture and interior décor products) installment terms, a 500 peso CW Home Depot shopping voucher after paying the first annual fee and 1 (one) rewards point for every 20 pesos spent on the card anywhere which cardholders can redeem for CW Home Depot Gift Certificates, gas, dining and shopping vouchers. This is on top of the points one earns if the cardholder is a member of CW Home Depot Loyalty Rewards Program too.

And because it's a UnionBank credit card, cardholders enjoy other features such as an auto-charge facility, auto insurance, installment plan, discounts and freebies, on-the-go customer service with a 24-hr hotline, mobile and internet access to accounts, facebook and twitter updates, unlimited number of supplementary cards, numerous payment channels and flexible payment scheme. For more information about the CW Home Depot UnionBank Visa Card, call 8418600.

Providing Homeland Security

CW Home Depot's Hi-tech Security Specialty Stores



JUST like a command center from a spy movie, CCTV monitoring systems give you a big brother's perspective on your property.



AUTOMATIC gates are essential nowadays for security conscious homeowners.

BANKS are not the only places we need to provide high tech security and building automations. Imagine stepping into your home and pushing on the touch screen panel automating your arrival. The lights turn on, the blinds go up, and even the air-conditioning starts adjusting to the desired temperature. Sounds like a futuristic scene from a sci-fi movie? One doesn't have to watch the movies nowadays to see this type of set ups. These days, more and more homes are "switching" to automation for their basic and essential home features. Thanks to the advent of high-tech home equipment and systems, the future that was once only achieved through television or movie special effects, is here now. Nowadays, automation is an indispensable aid for home security. CW Home Depot showcases several specialty security companies that can offer some of the best electronic security systems in the market today.

Adlib International

This company hails from its roots from a large conglomerate dealing with electronic equipment and electrical devices. Aside from providing security and surveillance systems to homeowners, it has extensive dealings with large institutions with particular security needs. From automated gate systems, to CCTV surveillance systems to intelligent building support systems, Adlib is a one-stop solution for industrial, residential and commercial security needs.

Doortech System

Founded by Dr. Joshua Go, he says that their product is not only for the very rich. "We have clients from Bangkal to Ayala, Alabang," he quips. He says that the common denominator among them is that they all believe in investing wisely for their safety and convenience. His company specializes in automated door systems and he certainly knows what he's talking about given the fact that he started this business because of his own personal need to have an automated door and gate system for his own home. It works simply, too. Coming home in your car, you are equipped with a remote control system that allows you to open and close the gate behind you without alighting from your vehicle, or without bothering anyone with the honk of your horn. This comes in handy during heavy downpours, or when you live in a quiet neighborhood and have to come home in the middle of the night.

Espreme

This company specializes in CCTV (closed circuit TV) systems that allow the user to have multiple camera points and records them in a digital server file. This is a good deterrent against theft and pilferage. Recordings of the video are stored in a computer that can be reviewed on a later date. These video files are stored for a prescribed number of days only to avoid filling up the memory banks of the disc drive that stores these files. For sophisticated set ups, the cameras can be made into webcams, that can be viewed via Internet if the user is not in the premises.

Faire Technologies

Faire Technologies, Inc. is a security system integrator and provider of a wide array of high quality, and reliable electronic security products used for different applications. Its products are used in retail, commercial, industrial and government sectors to deter theft and crimes as well as, to protect people, property and information. It provides homeowners and private organizations with cost-effective solutions to their security requirements through security automation.

